Offices, 70 Head Stations, 31 Sub-Stations and 27 Out-Posts. While the inspection work of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts during the year was fair, that of the Superintendents of Police left much to be desired.

19. *Criminal Investigation Department.*—As observed by Government in their review of the report for 1926-27, the Criminal Investigation Department requires re-organisation. The proposals of the Inspector-General of Police regarding this and other allied matters to which he refers in his present report, *viz.*, organization of a Criminal Intelligence Bureau for recording the history of the more dangerous criminals operating in more than one district and of a separate section to watch political activities are awaited.

20. *Cost of the Department.*—The cost of the Police Administration during the year was Rs. 16,29,073-11-11 as against Rs. 16,19,948-2-10 in 1926-27, the increase of Rs. 9,125 in the expenditure being due to the augmentation of the Bangalore City Police Force sanctioned in April 1927.

21. *General.*—Government are glad to note that the Administration of the Department was satisfactory during the year under report. The attention of District Magistrates is invited to the observations in para 26 of the report in regard to the need for greater promptness in the trial and disposal of cases in Courts and it is hoped that they will take suitable steps in that direction.

P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Rates of mileage of all classes of officers for Road Journeys performed by means of buses.

READ—

Proceedings of the Officers' Meeting held at Mysore on 4th June 1928, in the matter of allowing to Inferior Servants actual bus fare plus daily allowance, as the present rate of mileage, *viz.*, 6 pies per mile is not adequate to meet their out-of-pocket expenses.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 13—Rys., dated 19th July 1928, from the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, forwarding a copy of Railway Auditor's letter No. E. A. 34 T. 1820, dated 20th June 1928, suggesting modifications in the rates of mileage of all classes of officers for road journeys performed by means of buses.

ORDER NO. FL. 6132-91—S. & A. 201-28-1, DATED 12—15TH FEBRUARY 1929.

Motor bus service having been established in several parts of the State, the question of suitably revising the rules for the grant of mileage in respect of road journeys performed by buses has been under the consideration of Government for some time past. It has been represented that the existing mileage rate of 6 pies in the case of officers in inferior service is inadequate to meet their actual travelling expenses. On the other hand, it has been pointed out by the Audit Department that the present mileage rates to officers in superior service for journeys by buses are excessive and admit of reduction.

Some revision of the existing arrangement in regard to mileage rates for journeys by buses appears to be necessary and Government consider it desirable to introduce the change tentatively in respect of certain classes of public servants and watch its results before extending it to other officers. Government are accordingly pleased to sanction the following rules for the grant of travelling allowance for road journeys with effect from 1st April 1929:—

(i) Where there is regular bus service between places unconnected by rail, such means of locomotion shall be used by all officers whose salary is less than Rs. 40 (whether in superior or inferior service) unless otherwise authorised by Heads of Offices concerned for reasons to be recorded in writing.

(ii) For journeys by buses, these officers will be allowed actual bus fare of the lowest class plus daily allowance for all distances exceeding 5 miles from Headquarters.

(iii) The District Magistrates will furnish the Comptroller once a quarter with schedules of rates authorised to be charged by bus owners in their respective districts.

This order will be in force for a period of one year. The Comptroller is requested to report the result of its working by March 1930. The question of extending the arrangement with or without modifications to other classes of officers who travel by bus will be considered on receipt of the Comptroller's report.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Countersignature of Travelling Allowance Bills.

READ—

Circular No. R. 5779-86—L. R. 227-20-2, dated 15th November 1920, directing that Travelling Allowance Bills of the Deputy Commissioners for journeys to Mysore in connection with the Representative Assembly meetings and for other journeys beyond their jurisdiction should be submitted to the Revenue Commissioner for countersignature.

2. Letter No. C. 2136—28-29, dated the 10th December 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner, forwarding a copy of letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, in the matter of obtaining the sanction of the Head of the Department under Article 41 (a) of the Mysore Service Regulations, for journeys performed outside the District by the Deputy Commissioners to attend the Dasara and Birthday Durbars at Mysore and other periodical meetings held at Bangalore and stating that he is in agreement with the Deputy Commissioner, that it is superfluous to obtain the sanction of the Head of the Department for journeys which are authorised by Government and which are done in pursuance of their instructions and requesting that Article 41 (a), Mysore Service Regulations may be suitably modified.

ORDER NO. Fl. 6423-82—S. & A. 1-28-28, DATED 19TH—21ST FEBRUARY 1929.

In supersession of the instructions contained in circular No. R. 5779-86—L. R. 227-20-2, dated 15th November 1920 read above, Government are pleased to direct that in the case of journeys by officers to Mysore for the Dasara and Birthday Festivities, the countersignature of their Travelling Allowance Bills by the Head of the Department need not be insisted upon as the invitations issued on these occasions are regulated by standing orders, copies of which will be furnished to the Comptroller, any changes therein being also communicated to him.

2. Countersignature may also be dispensed with in the case of journeys performed by the Deputy Commissioners to attend the meeting of officers held annually at Bangalore in February or March.

3. Similarly when officers attend meetings of Special Committees of which they are members, their Travelling Allowance Bills need not be countersigned by the Head of the Department as the Government Orders constituting such Committees are usually communicated to the Comptroller. As regards the periods of halt for such duties, the Deputy Commissioners' certificate may be accepted.

4. If and when the Travelling Allowance Bills include items of journeys other than those specified above, those Travelling Allowance Bills should be subject to countersignature by the Head of the Department under the ordinary rules.

5. Addendum and Corrigendum slip amending Article 41 (a), Mysore Service Regulations, will issue separately.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.